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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1956

Introduced by Assembly Member Vargas

February 14, 2002

An act to add Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 22520) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to video arcades.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1956, as amended, Vargas. Video arcades.

Existing law regulates the operation of various types of businesses.

This bill would require a video arcade, as defined, to post a sign notifying consumers that an industry-created rating system is available to aid in the selection of a game. The bill would also require a video arcade to make a brochure available to ~~consumer~~ *consumers* explaining this system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 22 (commencing with Section 22520) is added to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 22. VIDEO ARCADES

22520. A video arcade shall post a sign that notifies consumers that a video arcade game rating system, created by the video arcade gaming industry, is available to aid in the selection of a game. This sign shall be posted on the wall of the arcade in a prominent area such as the arcade entrance, the money exchange machine, or the token counter. The lettering of each sign shall be printed, at a minimum, in 36-point type and shall be in black ink against a light colored background, with dimensions no less than 18 inches by 24 inches.

22521. A video arcade shall make available a brochure to consumers that explains the rating system described in Section 22520. The brochures shall be located in a prominent area of the arcade such as at the arcade entrance, near a money exchange machine, or at the token counter.

22522. For the purposes of this chapter, “video arcade” ~~means any premises where 10 or more video game machines or devices are operated and where minors are legally permitted to conduct business.~~ *means any premises where the following exist:*

- (a) *Minors are legally permitted to conduct business.*
- (b) *Ten or more video game machines or devices are operated.*
- (c) *Three or more of the video game machines or devices are rated “red” or five or more of the video game machines or devices are rated “yellow” under the rating system created by the video arcade gaming industry.*